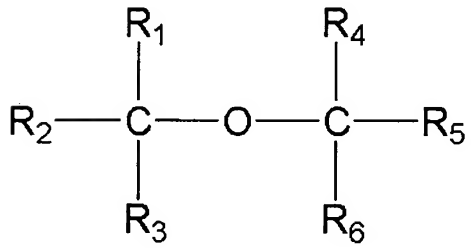
(b) Amendments to the Claims

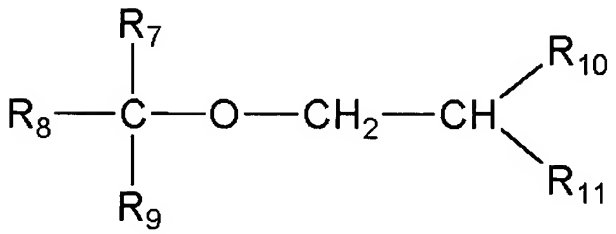
Please amend claim 1 as follows. A detailed listing of all the claims that are or were in the application follows.:

1. (Currently Amended) A non-magnetic toner comprising non magnetic toner particles containing at least a binder resin and a colorant, and an inorganic fine powder;

said non magnetic toner particles containing at least one compound of compounds represented by the following structural formulas; said at least one compound being in a content of from 5 ppm to 1,000 ppm based on the weight of the toner:



wherein R_1 to R_6 each represent an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and may be the same with or different from one another; and

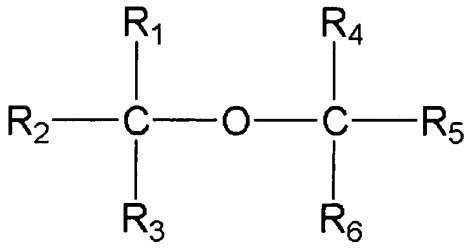


wherein R_7 to R_{11} each represent an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and may be the same with or different from one another.

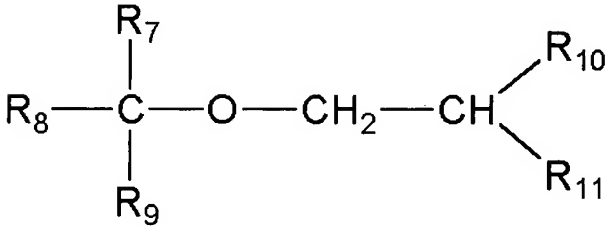
2. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said at least one compound is in a content of from 10 ppm to 800 ppm.

3. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said at least one compound is in a content of from 10 ppm to 500 ppm.

4. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said compounds are compounds represented by the following structural formulas:

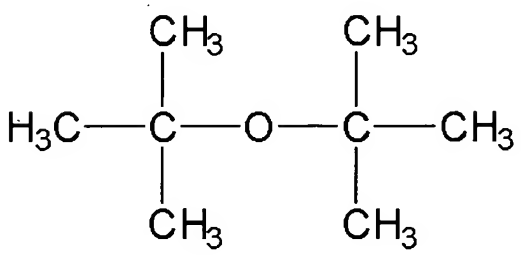


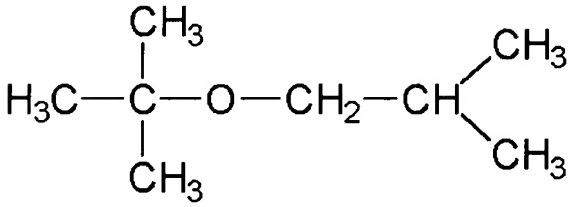
wherein R_1 to R_6 each represent an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and may be the same with or different from one another; and



wherein R_7 to R_{11} each represent an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and may be the same with or different from one another.

5. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said compounds are compounds represented by the following structural formulas:





6. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, which has an average circularity of from 0.940 to 0.995 and a weight average particle diameter D4 of from 3 μm to 10 μm.

7. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, which has an average circularity of from 0.960 to 0.995 and a weight average particle diameter D4 of from 4 μm to 8 μm.

8. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, which has a mode circularity of 0.99 or more.

9. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, which further comprises a resin having sulfur atoms.

10. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 9, wherein the ratio of atomic % by number (E) of sulfur atoms present at toner particle surface portions to atomic % by number (A) of carbon atoms present at toner particle surface portions, E/A, as measured by X ray photoelectric spectrophotometry is from 0.0003 to 0.0050.

11. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fine powder has an average primary particle diameter of from 4 nm to 80 nm, and is contained in the toner in an amount of from 0.1% by weight to 4% by weight.

12. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fine powder is a powder selected from the group consisting of fine powders of silica, titanium oxide and alumina or a double oxide of any of these.

13. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fine powder is subjected to hydrophobic treatment with at least a silicone oil.

14. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fine powder is subjected to hydrophobic treatment with at least a silane compound and a silicone oil.

15. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fine powder has a liberation percentage of from 0.05% to 10.00%.

16. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fine powder has a liberation percentage of from 0.10% to 5.00%.

17. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said inorganic fine powder has a liberation percentage of from 0.10% to 3.00%.

18. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein said non magnetic toner particles are particles produced in water.

19. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, which shows negative chargeability.

20. (Original) The non magnetic toner according to claim 1, wherein, in the measurement of hydrophobicity of the toner, making use of a water/methanol mixed medium, the methanol concentration (C_S: % by volume) at hydrophobicity drop start point

and the methanol concentration (C_E % by volume) at hydrophobicity drop end point satisfy the following relation:

$$3 \leq \{(C_E) - (C_S)\} \leq 15.$$